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# Nile Basin Trans-boundary Wetlands

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## PROJECT TITLE:

**Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Utilisation of Ecosystem Services of Wetlands of Trans-boundary Relevance in the Nile Basin**

### Background Information

The Nile Basin is endowed with rich and diverse wetlands crucial for the provision of multiple ecosystem services and goods, which are beneficial to livelihoods of its citizens, economies and associated ecosystems. Some of the Nile Basin wetlands are designated as Protected Areas, Migratory Birds Flyways, Important Birds Areas, World Heritage Sites as well as Wetlands of International importance under Ramsar Convention, which include the Sudd Marshes in South Sudan.

The ecosystem goods and services derived from Nile Basin wetlands include; food, water purification and supply, climate regulation, flood control and tourism. The wetlands are also associated with unique biodiversity of flora and fauna.

However, the Nile Basin wetlands are undergoing habitat degradation and loss due to multiple contributing factors: reclamation and conversion for agriculture, settlements and urbanization and invasive species. Other factors are upstream utility infrastructural development, local community over-exploitation and climate change. These threaten the intrinsic hydrological and ecological link between these wetlands and River Nile including its overall health and life. This is exacerbated by inadequate knowledge and experience for mainstreaming wetland conservation and for making full use of ecosystem services in the planning process.

### Project Goal

To strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of the Nile Basin Initiative and riparian States for sustainable management of wetlands of trans-boundary relevance in the Nile Basin

### Project Interventions

- ▶ Building strategic and demand-driven knowledgebase on Trans-boundary Wetlands for informed River Basin planning and development.
- ▶ Developing a Regional Wetlands Framework Plan for Nile Basin wetlands planning and development.
- ▶ Facilitating wetlands management planning for sustainability of Nile Basin trans-boundary wetlands and wetlands of regional significance.
- ▶ Integration of wetlands sustainability in River basin planning and development.
- ▶ Capacity development and networking for wetlands sustainability in the Nile Basin.

## Expected Benefits

- Deepened and expanded knowledgebase and capacities on Nile Basin wetlands and associated institutions. This will be attained at Basin-wide, Sudd Wetlands and Sub-Basin levels.
- Conservation of wetlands related biodiversity and achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Improved water security through tapping on restoration and conservation of wetlands ecosystem services.
- Enhanced livelihoods security for largely poor local population groups whose livelihoods heavily depend on wetlands ecosystems.
- Improved adaptation to climate change through ecosystem based adaptation.
- Enhanced climate protection through improved wetland carbon sink capacities.

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